

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Ben Cutler	Yes	Yes	No	Policies Map			Policies Map 1 - HA14 (field at the end of Cliffe Road and Henson Close, Birstall.)		

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>The proposed development of 35 houses at the bottom of Henson Close/Cliffe Road is one of great concern. The proposed area is one of the few remaining green wedge regions that separates the borough of Charnwood from Leicester City. Public footpaths through the area allow for exercise, dog walking and overall well being and mental health to be maintained. This is something that clearly is not taken into account by the urban sprawl that is occurring in our county. Furthermore, the proposed area has great significance in terms of wildlife. As a resident of Henson Close, our family has regularly seen rarer wildlife such as ground fowl, woodpeckers and muntjac deer alongside more common species such as badgers and foxes. By developing this field, there will be a significant loss of habitat for the wildlife that continually gets pushed to the fringes.</p> <p>Another concern is the nature of the roads that would lead to this development. The section of Park Road that contains the Great Central Railway Bridge, as well as Cliffe Road, are both unadopted by the council and are unfit for construction vehicles, their heavy loads and increased volume of traffic. Similarly, Henson Close, whilst being an adopted road, is unsuitable for construction traffic due to its narrowness – especially as residents regularly park on the road outside of their properties. In addition to this, the section of Park Road leading to the bridge does not allow for two cars to pass by safely, once more due to width. Currently, as these roads are unadopted, residents of Henson Close and Cliffe Road pool money to enable repairs to the roads. Construction vehicles will add a tremendous amount of wear and tear to the roads – who will foot this bill?</p> <p>Whilst we understand that the Government have to meet targets for new housing developments, the choice of this particular location seems to be impractical. Access to these new properties is essentially via one unadopted road which can only lead to future problems, particularly given the age of the Great Central Railway Bridge. We feel that should this development go ahead, there should be additional access points via Ashton Green Road or Greengate Lane. This would ease the concerns of some residents regarding the access for construction traffic and access to the community funded, unadopted road.</p> <p>As a final note of consideration, the boundaries of Birstall have grown significantly over the past few decades which has put a lot of strain on the infrastructure and has been duly noticed by residents of this suburb. For example, the growing population is still only serviced by only 2 GP practices and 2 dentists. Anecdotally, it can take up to 45 minutes to get through to the doctor’s receptionist only to be told the appointments have all gone for the morning. This is then repeated for the afternoon slots. This is a worry for the elderly, as well as those with vulnerable health concerns and parents of children with medical conditions, such as ourselves. The growing population have growing demands which need to be met. We currently feel there is a failure to do so.</p> <p>We hope you take into consideration our concerns as we feel this development will have negative consequences for both the local populace and valuable wildlife.</p>	<p>We feel that should this development go ahead, there should be additional access points via Ashton Green Road or Greengate Lane. This would ease the concerns of some residents regarding the access for construction traffic and access to the community funded, unadopted road.</p> <p>There needs to be more healthcare availability to support the growing population.</p> <p>There are no modifications that can be enacted to save wildlife if their habitat is destroyed.</p>	<p>No</p>	